

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL  
BUDGET MEETING**

**June 25, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, at 6:30 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, NS, with the following members present:

- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson, Chair
- Jody Crook
- George El-Jakl (6:55 p.m.)
- Shaun Hatfield
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
  
- Shelly Blinkhorn, Arena Manager
- David Kendrick, Fire Services Coordinator
  
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of this meeting was to complete the review of the proposed budget for 2013/2014. Prior to reviewing the budget, members agreed to consider a proposal for a one time promotion of a Boston Bruins Alumni hockey game at the Barrington Municipal Arena. The Arena Manager attended the meeting for the purpose of this discussion. A proposal document that had been received by email from the Boston Bruins Alumni, Steve Walton, was circulated to members for their information. The Arena Manager also brought a draft contract agreement which she had received today from this organization. This was also copied and circulated by the Arena Manager. The terms of the agreement had changed somewhat from the email that had been sent the previous day, in that it was now necessary for the Municipality to be responsible for sixteen (16) hotel rooms on the day of the event. It was indicated to members that the capacity of the Arena for such an event is listed as 1,166.

It was the consensus of members that tickets would be sold at a price of \$25.00 each. The NHL Legends Maritime Tour organizers indicated that they will be playing a game in Liverpool, but not one in Yarmouth. The game in Liverpool will feature the Toronto Maple Leafs Alumni.

It was suggested local organizers get local businesses to sponsor the event as well, and that some of the team members would visit the local businesses who are sponsors. In addition, other expenses would be incurred for any receptions that the Municipality might host in conjunction with this program.

It was suggested that the revenues from this event would be as follows:

1166 tickets @ \$25.00/ea	=	\$29,150.00
50 VIP tickets @\$50.00/ea	=	\$ 2,500.00
80 Reception Tickets @\$75.00/ea.	=	<u>\$ 6,000.00</u>
Total Revenue:	=	\$37,650.00

There also followed more discussion about the estimated other expenses that may be included as a result of the event and the associated receptions.

There was some question as to who would receive the fee being charged to play with the NHLers. It was suggested that the Tourism Coordinator be asked to promote the event.

The draft contract agreement continued to be reviewed by members.

It was suggested that a committee be formed in order to organize and run this event. The Arena Manager was instructed to communicate with the NHL Legends Maritime Tour and ask that the hotel requirement be removed, and that the Municipality be allowed to receive a 10% share of any merchandise sales.

It was also suggested that a list of players who are attending should be obtained.

It was also requested that the provision that a game not be held at the Yarmouth Arena be contained in the contract.

Having completed the discussion of this matter and given instruction to the Arena Manager, the Arena Manager retired from the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

## BUDGET REVIEW

### Fire Services

Mr. David Kendrick appeared before the meeting for the purpose of discussing the proposed Fire Services Budget for the coming year. The Fire Services Budgets that have been brought forward were reviewed in detail, fire department by fire department, with the Manager.

#### Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department

The Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department included an expenditure of \$25,000.00 for firefighting equipment.

It was suggested that this expenditure be postponed for a year, if possible.

There was some question whether or not this expenditure could be postponed without affecting the provision of fire services in the area.

After much discussion it was agreed that this item would be removed from the budget.

There is a provision in the budget for the Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department for \$10,000 for building maintenance. This includes demolition of the older building.

It was the consensus of members that this amount be reduced to \$5,000, and the demolition of the building be delayed.

There is no provision for firefighter insurance in the document, therefore the \$1,500 is added in order to provide adequate firefighter insurance.

#### Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department

\$1,500.00 was also added for firefighter insurance in this department as there is nothing contained in the budget. There is a provision of \$5,000 for the purchase of new “turnout gear” for the fire department. This provision will be taken out of the budget for the current year.

#### Barrington Volunteer Fire Department

There is a provision of \$7,000 in the Barrington Volunteer Fire Department’s budget for courses. This provision will be reduced by \$4,000, to \$3,000.00. The provision for miscellaneous expenses has been reduced by \$500.00 to a total of \$1,500.00. The Barrington Volunteer Fire Department has also provided for new equipment in the amount of \$51,000.00.

After much discussion it was concluded that this amount should be reduced to \$15,000.00 for the purchase of turnout gear as indicated in the new proposed list of equipment to be purchased.

The station roof is proposed to be fixed by adding a pitched roof. It is estimated that this will be cost \$20,000.00.

It was the consensus of members that this provision be removed from the budget at the present time in order to give time for Fire Services to address whether or not this building would continue to be used. An additional \$5,000 will be included in building maintenance in order to allow for temporary repairs to the roof in the interim. This will increase the building maintenance cost from \$3,000.00 in total, to \$8,000.00 in total.

It was also indicated that the Barrington Volunteer Fire Department was proposing to purchase a truck. This purchase has not been included in the budget. More information is required on this purchase as neither the source of the funds nor the expenditure of the funds for this vehicle has been included.

Mr. Kendrick will get further information on the amounts required and it will be included.

#### Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department

The expenditures of this fire department were also reviewed, line by line. It was indicated further information was required on the \$5,000 training expense. It was also indicated that the firefighting provision of \$18,500 for firefighting equipment included the purchase of a pump in the amount of \$12,000.00. There were no changes anticipated in the Island & Barrington Passage Fire Department budget.

#### Woods Harbour & Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Department

It was believed that the miscellaneous revenues contained in the budget included the sale of gear and a fire truck from the former Shag Harbour/Bear Point Volunteer Fire Department.

There was some discussion regarding the cost of telephones. It was indicated by the Fire Services Coordinator that TMRs for a number of different departments were being erroneously billed to the Woods Harbour Fire Department. The number of TMRs being used by Fire Services will be further assessed and the billing will be corrected.

Having reached the hour of 10:00 p.m., members agreed to continue their discussions until the Fire Services Budget had been completed.

Members then discussed the fire equipment budget for this department. The amount of this budget is \$19,300.00. It was indicated this includes \$2,000 for the purchase of uniforms, \$9,000 for the purchase of “turnout gear”, the purchase of crests and decals at a cost of \$2,000, and the purchase of Q siren at a cost of \$1,000.00. Members were informed that both the crests and decals and the Q siren have already been bought and paid for. It was uncertain whether or not these were paid for in the current fiscal year or the previous fiscal year.

Members then discussed the provision for fire holes across all of the fire departments. The total provision for fire holes is \$23,000.00. The provision of \$8,000.00 for a fire hole in the Woods Harbour area was discussed at length, and members concluded by consensus that this \$8,000.00 should be removed from the budget. It was also suggested that there is a provision of \$11,701.79 for fire holes already contained in municipal funds.

It was the consensus of members that this funding be applied to the current year's budget, in total, and be allocated \$5,000 to Port Clyde, \$5,000 to Island & Barrington Passage, and the balance \$1701.79 to the Barrington Fire Department.

This concluded the review of budgeted revenues and expenditures for the Fire Services.

The question of providing authority for the purchase of items contained in the Fire Services Budget was then discussed. The fire departments wished to know if they needed additional approval from the Fire Services Committee for the items that were being approved in the budget.

It was the consensus of members that no additional authority would be required as long as the items being purchased were those that had been contained and indicated in the budget. Diverting the funds for other purposes would not be satisfactory, and would not be acceptable.

NEXT MEETING

It was agreed by members that the Budget Review Meetings would continue on Tuesday, July 2, 2013, at 6:30 p.m.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Members were requested to schedule a Special Council Meeting for the purpose of reviewing the proposed Arena event, and also for the purpose of confirming the tender for the Woods Harbour Sidewalk.

It was the consensus of members that this Special Council Meeting would be held on Friday, June 28, 2013, at 4:00 p.m., in the Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:52 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary for the Meeting

**On website June 27, 2013.**